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THE FOLLOWING SENT FROM USIS/PANAMA ACTION USINFO INFO SECSTATE DATED FEB 23 BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO QUOTE

MEDIA REACTION

1. PANAMA CITY -- GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED CRITICA AND MATUTINO FEBRUARY 23 HEADLINED A WASHINGTON DATELINE EFE CABLE ON PROCEDURAL VOTE IN SENATE. CRITICA'S SPREAD HEAD AS FOLLOWS: "CARTER ASSURED TREATY VOTES," AND MATUTINO: "CARTER HAS VOTES TO APPROVE TREATIES." LA ESTRELLA AND STAR & HERALD FRONT-PAGED AP AND PANAMANIAN PRESS ATTACHE REPORTS RESPECTIVELY WHICH WERE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC IN THEIR INTERPRETATIONS OF THE VOTE.

2. REACTION TO THE SENATE DRUG CHARGES AGAINST GENERAL TORRIJOS
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AND FAMILY HAS SUBSIDED. MATUTINO'S LEAD EDIT FEBRUARY 23 COMPARES TREATY OPPONENTS IN THE SENATE WHO "CLOSE THEIR MINDS AND EVEN THEIR EYES TO THE IRREFUTABLE TRUTHS OF HISTORY ... (AND) HAVE TRIED TO ACCUSE IN A RASH WAY AN ENTIRE NATION OF MASSIVE DRUG TRAFFICKING, PERMITTED AND STIMULATED BY ITS HIGHEST AUTHORITIES," TO THOSE WHO "FROM THE START HAVE UNDERSTOOD BOTH THE JUST PANAMANIAN CLAIMS AND

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THE ADVANTAGES THE NEW TREATY BRINGS FOR THEIR NATION."

3. MATUTINO CONCLUDES ON A CONILIATORY NOTE: "AN INTERESTING PICTURE; DIVERSE, COMPLEX, WORTH STUDYING AS THE BEHAVIOR OF A LARGE NATION IN WHICH THERE IS ROOM FOR LARGE ERRORS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME FOR SUCCESSES AND FOR MEN WHO DIGNIFY AND REAFFIRM THE TRUTH OF ITS GREATNESS."

4. THE DEBATE WAS BROADCAST LIVE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON IN ENGLISH ON AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND IN SPANISH ON GOP OFFICIAL RADIO LIBERTAD. THURSDAY MORNING SESSIONS AS OF 10:45 ARE BEING CARRIED ON ARMED FORCES RADIO ONLY. RADIO LIBERTAD'S TRANSMISSION NOT YET ON AIR DUE TECHNICAL PROBLEM. ITEM UNQUOTE
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